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Many big cities in the U.S. face gentrification, but arguably not as much as right here in New York City, where gentrification has been a hot-point issue for years. The city is home to seven of the top 20 fastest-gentrifying ZIP codes since the year 2000, according to a recent study from RentCafe. To find out if your neighborhood made the cut, turn to page 4 or visit metro.us.

US SAYS NY AND NJ MUST PAY MORE FOR TUNNEL

In New York and New Jersey must shoulder more of the costs to build a transportation tunnel under the Hudson River, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao said on Tuesday while confirming that the Trump administration was opposed to Congress financing the project. "New York and New Jersey have got to up their local share," Chao said at a contentious hearing in the House. "New York and New Jersey are two of the richest states

in the country. ... They need to step up." In July, a House panel backed \$900 million in new funding for the tunnel, which is essential for transportation in the Northeast. Political wrangling over the project stretches back more than a year. A congressional aide said on Tuesday that President Donald Trump urged Speaker Paul Ryan last week not to include funding for the \$30 billion so-called Gateway Project in a pending government spending bill.

WH ADVISER COHN QUILTS AMID TARIFF DEBATE

2 Top White House economic adviser Gary Cohn, a Wall Street banker who opposes hefty steel and aluminum tariffs planned by President Donald Trump, said on Tuesday that he was resigning. "It has been an honor to serve my country and enact pro-growth economic policies to benefit the American people, in particular the passage of historic tax reform," Cohn said in a statement issued by the White

House. His departure as director of the National Economic Council came after a little more than a year on the job. Trump's announcement last week of his plans to impose the tariffs sent U.S. stock prices tumbling and came after an intense debate within the White House between Cohn and other advocates of free trade, on one side, and protectionist advisers such as Peter Navarro on the other, White House sources said.



MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO VISITS MEMORIAL AT SITE OF FATAL BROOKLYN CRASH

3 On Tuesday, March 6, Mayor Bill de Blasio was joined by his wife Chirlane McCray at a memorial at the site of an accident in Brooklyn where two small children were killed Monday. [Read more about the crash on page 5.](#)

US TO COUNTERACT ANY 2018 ELECTION MEDDLING

4 President Donald Trump said on Tuesday there was interference by Russia and probably by other countries in the 2016 election, and the U.S. would counteract any attempt at meddling in the November 2018 elections. "Well, the Russians had no impact on our votes whatsoever, but certainly there was meddling and probably there was meddling from other countries and maybe other individuals," Trump said at

a news conference on Tuesday. "We're doing a very, very deep study, and we're coming with some ... very strong suggestions on the '18 election. ... We'll counteract whatever they do." Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats insisted on Tuesday that the administration is "actively engaged" in countering Russian efforts to influence the November elections, even as he warned of Moscow's continuing "malign activities."

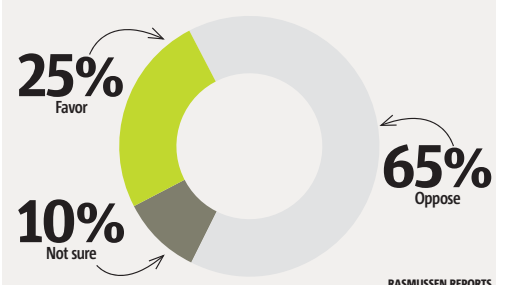
TRUMP: NORTH KOREA 'SINCERE' ON NUKE TALKS

5 Feeling the pressure of sanctions, North Korea seems "sincere" in its apparent willingness to halt nuclear tests if it held denuclearization talks with the United States, President Donald Trump said on Tuesday as U.S., South Korean and Japanese officials voiced skepticism about any discussions. Trump declined to say whether he had any preconditions for talks with Pyongyang as officials responded with caution

and guarded optimism to the possibility following months of insults and threats of war between Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. "I think they're sincere also because of the sanctions and what we're doing with respect to North Korea, including the great help that we've been given from China," Trump said at a news conference on Tuesday after meeting with Prime Minister Stefan Lofven of Sweden.

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Gentrification has not only been a hot-point issue in NYC for years, it's also home to seven of the Top 20 fastest-gentrifying ZIP codes since the year 2000, according to a recent study from RentCafe. **istock**

New report: NYC has more gentrified ZIP codes than anywhere else

Seven city ZIP codes — five in Brooklyn and two in Harlem — made RentCafe's ranking of the 20 fastest-gentrifying ZIP codes since 2000.



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Gentrification is something many cities across the U.S. face, but arguably not as much as here in New York City, where it's not only been a hot-point issue for years, it's also home to seven of the Top 20 fastest-gentrifying ZIP codes since the year 2000, according to a recent study from RentCafe.

Five of those ZIP codes — 10039, 11211, 11222, 11216, 11237, 10026 and 11221 — are in Brooklyn, and two are in Harlem.

RentCafe used three data points from the 2000 Census and the 2016 American Community Survey to compile its study of 11,000 ZIP codes across the country: the median home value, the median household income and the population holding a bachelor's degree or higher.

Los Angeles' 90014 ZIP code topped the list, with Washington, D.C. (20001), Houston (77003), Philadelphia (19123) and Manhattan (10039) rounding out the Top 5. Brooklyn's 11211 ranked seventh, while the borough's 11222, 11216, 11237 and 11221 ZIP codes took the ninth, 10th, 14th and 17th slots, respectively. Manhattan's 10026 ZIP code ranked 15th.

10039, which covers East Harlem from about 145th Street to 163rd Street, saw a 356 percent rise in home values, a 32 percent rise in household income and a 168 percent change in education.

In 11211, in Wil-

liamsburg and East Williamsburg, home values jumped 167 percent, while household incomes rose 79 percent.

Greenpoint's 11222 ZIP had a 116 percent rise in home values, a 56 percent jump in household income and a 97 percent increase in education.

Home values in the Prospect Park-adjacent 11216 leapt 194 percent between 2000 and 2016, while incomes rose 48 percent.

The ZIP code 11237, which includes parts of Bushwick and Ridgewood, had home values jump 111 percent, incomes rise 43 percent and education rise 125 percent, while home values in Harlem's 10026 ZIP saw a 219 percent rise and a 92 percent increase in education.

The ZIP 11221, which serves Bushwick and Bedford-Stuyvesant, saw values and incomes rise 130 and 39 percent, respectively.

While many attribute the continual rise in housing prices and changing demographics to gentrification, it's only part of a broader picture.

"Harlem's black population has been aging and moving elsewhere for many decades, while new immigrant populations are also moving in alongside young white [and black] professionals," John Mollenkopf, a political science and sociology professor at CUNY, wrote last year in "The Evolution of New York City's Black Neighborhoods."

His paper looked at Central Harlem and Bed-Stuy, both of which "took a striking jump as the native-born black household populations fell sharply," he wrote. "But the decline in the black population and the rise in the white population is only part of the story, because immigrant black, Latino and Asian populations also grew strongly."

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Driver in fatal Park Slope crash likely won't face charges due to medical condition



The 4-year-old daughter of Ruthie Ann Blumenstein, seen here in her Tony-winning role in "The King and I," was killed in a Park Slope crash. **GOFUNDME**

The driver who fatally struck two young children and injured three adults, including their mothers, at a Park Slope intersection Monday afternoon will likely not face charges due to a medical condition, an NYPD source told the New York Daily News Tuesday afternoon.

According to officials, Dorothy Bruns of Staten Island drove her Volvo through a red light at the intersection of Ninth Street and Fifth Avenue around 12:40 p.m., striking a 46-year-old man and Ruthie Ann Blumenstein and Lauren Lew, who were walking with their children, 4-year-old Abigail Blumenstein and 1-year-old Joshua Lew.

Blumenstein, a pregnant Tony-winning actress who uses the stage name Ruthie Ann Miles, was seriously injured.

Bruns attempted to flee after the hit-and-run, dragging Joshua Lew's stroller down the block before she crashed into several cars on Ninth Street, where bystanders stopped her. She had been cited for running red lights four times within the past two years, police said, according to the New York Daily News, and her vehicle had also been cited for speeding in a school zone four times during that same time period.

Bruns told authorities at the scene that she has medical issues, which officials are currently investigating, NBC4 reported. She has not been

charged for the crash and was still at NYU Langone Hospital-Brooklyn early Tuesday, according to the Daily News.

A police source told the publication that Bruns had two strokes recently, and a former neighbor said she has multiple sclerosis, which can cause seizures, which she may have suffered at the time of the crash, the police source said.

"This very tragic incident is under active investigation, and we are looking into all aspects of this case," a spokesman for the Brooklyn district

"It's really, really sad what happened [Monday]."

Mayor Bill de Blasio

attorney said.

All five victims were taken to New York-Presbyterian Methodist Brooklyn Hospital, where the two children were pronounced dead. Both Lew, who has a 6-month-old son, and Blumenstein were in stable condition. The condition of her unborn child was unknown.

"It's really, really sad what happened today," Mayor Bill de Blasio said Monday afternoon. "The driver is in NYPD custody. We do not know exactly what happened yet, there's a full investigation underway. But I will state

the obvious: This loss of life is tragic and painful for all of us, particularly those of us who are parents."

De Blasio's private Park Slope residence is nearby, and he said he knew the intersection "very, very well." According to city records cited by the Daily News, there have been 10 traffic-related injuries at the intersection since 2014, and a pedestrian was killed there in 2016.

"It's another reminder of why we have to redouble our efforts on Vision Zero to work to the day when this never happens to any family," de Blasio said.

Department of Transportation spokesman Scott Gastel said the agency will "immediately review the area for any safety improvements."

Brad Lander, the area's city councilman, told the Daily News the tragedy is "a parent's worst nightmare. Of course we should do everything we can to make our intersections safer, and we can make this intersection safer for sure, but no intersection redesign was going to keep those kids safe in that intersection when somebody goes straight through a red light."

A GoFund Me page was set up for Blumenstein, who won a best featured actress Tony in 2015 for "The King and I," and her family received more than \$220,000 in donations in less than 24 hours. **NIKKI M. MASCAU**

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New York Dreamers share their stories

New York AG Eric Schneiderman released videos on Tuesday featuring just a few of the 42,000 Dreamers in New York.



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New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is still fighting for Dreamers. GETTY IMAGES

In New York, there are 42,000 Dreamers, and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is helping share their stories.

Dreamers are enrolled in Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), the Obama-era policy that protects those who came to the U.S. as children.

President Donald Trump announced in September the end of DACA, leaving the nearly 800,000 Dreamers nationwide to face an uncertain future.

Following that an-

nouncement, Schneiderman and 15 other Attorneys General filed a lawsuit to protect DACA grantees. Last month, they won an injunction blocking Trump's move.

"Dreamers are New Yorkers," Schneiderman said in a statement. "They deserve to stay here — and if Washington refuses to protect them, we will keep fighting for them in court."

In the wake of that court decision, Schneiderman released new videos

online featuring New York Dreamers.

One, Ricardo Aca, was a former employee of the Trump SoHo Hotel.

"Because of DACA, I was able to get a job legally at one of Trump's hotels, so I know from personal experience that it is because of immigrants myself that cities like New York even run," Aca said in a video. "All we need is your support and to take action so you can protect us from the Trump administration."



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New study: Europeans are really into New York and Boston accents

European travelers think people from New York and Boston have sexy accents, according to a recent poll and quiz.

Linguistics experts from the language-learning app Babbel put together seven distinctive American accents: Bostonian, Southern, Midwestern, Minnesotan, New Yorker, Southern Californian and Texan. They partnered with Generator Hostels and asked more than 400 European hostel workers and asked them to pick which area has sexy accents.

According to the results from their poll, Europeans think people from areas in the Deep South, New York and Boston all have sexy accents.

According to the results of the poll, 20 percent of European foreigners have a thing for people with heavy Southern accents. Second on the list was the New York accent, followed by the Boston accent.



Johnny Depp as Joe Pistone in "Donnie Brasco" had a prominent New York accent. GETTY IMAGES

Most attractive and sexy accents, according to Europeans

1. Deep South (20 percent)
2. New Yorker (18 percent)
3. Bostonian (17 percent)
4. Southern Californian (16 percent)
5. Texan (14 percent)
6. Midwestern (10 percent)
7. Minnesotan (5 percent)

Their findings showed that Brits and Swedes are really into the Southern

Californian accent.

The survey results showed that French people (57 percent) and Italians (19 percent) think New Yorkers have sexy accents, while Germans (30 percent), Spaniards (27 percent) and Dutch people (26 percent) are really into the Boston accent.

As for the Deep South accent, the only reason it was ranked No. 1 in the survey is that Ireland had a strong influence on the vote. They found that 31 percent of Irish people who took the survey thought people from the Deep South have sexy accents.

Babbel looked at the data and determined that the rankings can change depending on the country of the person taking the survey.

According to Babbel, of the hostel workers surveyed, British, French, Spanish, Italian and Dutch people voted the Minnesotan accent as the least attractive. LENYON WHITAKER

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"The Strangers: Prey at Night" is a terrifying tale based on actual events.



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A family takes a road trip, off the beaten path and in the off season. Sounds innocuous enough. That is until a ragtag pack of murderous strangers in masks begins to wreak havoc. It's a scary movie, but one of the scariest parts is that we're told from the start that it's "based on true events." Makes those boring breaks with mom and dad

sound like heaven.

Metro wanted to get to the bottom of what actually transpired, so we spoke with director Johannes Roberts to learn more about his idiosyncratic horror film.

Really? Like, this actually happened? That's chilling.

Brian Bertino, who wrote the screenplay, actually had the same exact things happen to him in terms of [a mysterious] girl coming up to [his] house and knocking at the door. Then there were all these burglaries around his house. Then he mixed that in with Charles Manson stuff.

That's really where all of the inspiration came from for him. Brian wrote the first "The Strangers" movie, too, and they're both the same sort of event.

This feels like a very different kind of horror movie.

We approached it in a slightly different way to how I've done things before. I really tried to avoid making this a "jump, scare" movie. We really let you see the horror first, and the characters don't. Rather than [have] things leap out at you, a lot of the techniques were us

showing the headlights and the Strangers and

way.

What attracted you to the movie?

I loved the first one, and I really wanted to make a movie styled like John Carpenter [legendary director of hits like "The Thing," "Halloween" and "Escape from L.A."]. What I really responded to was that this was my opportunity to go really retro. I wanted to make "Christine." I wanted to make "The Fog." So I brought those movies into the mix. We had a lot of fun using old techniques and tunes.

The randomness of the

attack portrayed, and the fact that this actually did happen, seems kind of ... timely?

Yeah, the world is currently a very terrifying place. Especially in America. But the movies I love are the John Carpenter horror films of the '80s. And the power of them was always the fact that they never explained why the murders were happening, which put the emphasis of the movie on how the characters are surviving this rather than back-plot. When there's no reasoning it's much more frightening.

"The Strangers: Prey at Night" is released on March 9.



then allowing the dread to build. That was quite fun. This is horror in a slightly more-old school



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Despite a promising premise, the series — which stars Agyness Deyn and Jim Sturgess, above — gets tangled up in a bunch of subplots.
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'Hard Sun' is a convoluted mess

More like hard pass.



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I'll give it to you straight: "Hard Sun" is ambitious, ultra-violent and bleak as hell — but it isn't quite worth watching.

The series, which debuts on Hulu today, was penned and created by Neil Cross, the writer-producer behind "Luther." But don't get your hopes up: As badly as "Hard Sun" wants to be characterized as a dystopian thriller, it's mostly just a supremely violent, very convoluted episode of "Law & Order" with English accents.

The title itself describes a world extinction event, where the sun — so tired of being the center of the universe — up and dies. In five years, life on Earth will be wiped out. But instead of focusing

on pre-apocalyptic fare, "Hard Sun" pivots and focuses on serial killers and the cops chasing them.

At its center is Detective Chief Inspector Charlie Hicks (Jim Sturgess) who consistently makes poor, incomprehensible decisions for no reason other than they move the most inconceivable of the subplots along. But only on a surface level. Hicks' motivation for being the police force's biggest jerk seems to be that he's just another scummy antihero behaving badly, in the vein of the Luthers and Don Drapers before him. As if we don't get that men have a history of taking what they want, when they want it.

Hicks' new partner, Agyness Deyn's Detective Inspector Elaine Renko, is better, but not good enough to save the series. She has the requisite tortured past and is morally opposite from Hicks in ev-

ery way. For Renko, Deyn hunches her shoulders forward at all times, the weight of the world settled firmly on her shoulders. She's a good guy, and "Hard Sun" wants to make sure you know it — like when she dons a pair of brass knuckles before hand-to-hand combat. Because, didn't you know? Guns are just for the bad guys. This isn't America, after all.

But even with two very distinct characters, the series falters. That's because bold as it is to take what could be a very good, very successful premise and get carried away with the gory minutiae of it all instead, it's not very interesting. Who'd have thought?

Though it's tempting to keep on with "Hard Sun" to see where its myriad plots will go, it's not worth it. Maybe spend six hours bingeing anything else instead.

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How Long Do The Results Last?

This procedure "impairs" the nerves pain signals... it does not destroy them. Therefore, the results are safe but not completely permanent. But, many patients get relief for 6 months... 12 months.... 18 months for some even longer. The great news is - another procedure can be safely preformed for more relief if necessary.

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Is It Safe?

Yes. This procedure has been done countless times and continues to have an excellent safety record. It is minimally invasive and *is not surgical.*

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti -

inflammatory pain medication and physical therapy do not offer good enough results.

RF has also been found effective AFTER back surgery when patient's still feel pain.

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What To Do Next If You Are In Pain And The "X" Factor

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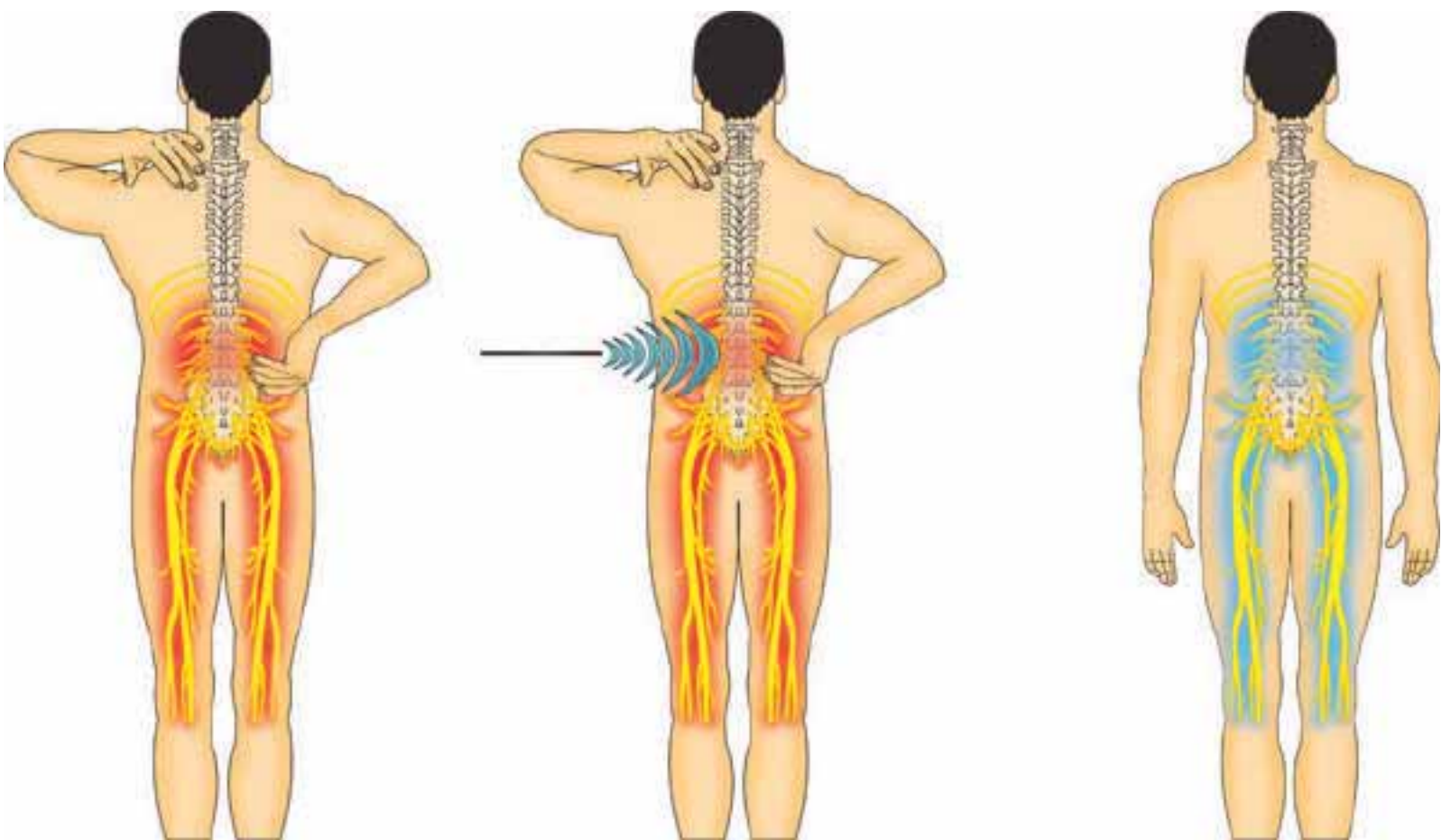
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American Gothic's dark story

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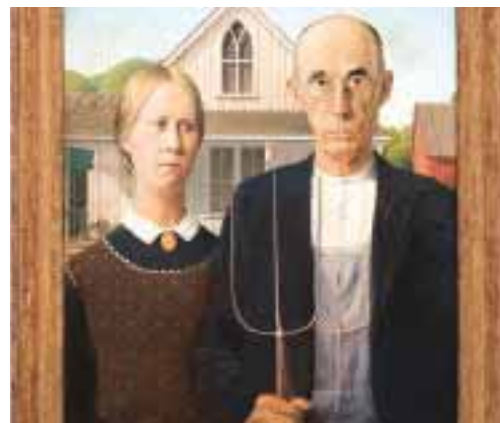
"American Gothic," a portrait of a dour-looking man with a pitchfork and a woman standing in front of a barn, catapulted painter Grant Wood to instant fame when it was unveiled in 1930.

The Whitney Museum calls it nothing less than the "best-known work of 20th-century American art," and it's taking a rare trip from Chicago for the retrospective exhibit "Grant Wood: American Gothic and Other Fables," open now through June 10.

His signature style combines his experience as a metalworker, French Impressionist painter and decorative craftsman to create works that were intentionally humble in style and subject.

But within the flat colors, sharp angles and serene people in Wood's portraits lurks something darker, too.

"The enduring power



The idyllic landscapes of Grant Wood aren't as simple as they seem. **GETTY**

of Wood's art owes as much to its mesmerizing psychological ambiguity as to its archetypal Mid-western imagery," says curator Barbara Haskell. "An eerie silence and disquiet runs throughout his work, complicating its seemingly bucolic, elegiac exterior."

The vistas in Wood's world are an idealized version of his 1890s childhood in Iowa, spent growing up on a farm. While

part of why he chose this setting was to recapture that time in his life, the comforting scenes were also a way to deal with the isolation of being a closeted gay man.

As Haskell puts it, "Wood created hypnotic works of apprehension and solitude that may be a truer expression of the unresolved tensions of the American experience than he might ever have imagined." **EVA KIS**

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Cooking techniques every home chef should master

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If you want to get better at cooking at home but aren't sure where to begin, a new cookbook can provide you with a good starting point. “Six Basic Cooking Techniques: Culinary Essentials for the Home Cook” breaks down the most need-to-know skills to give you the confidence to prepare anything you need in the kitchen.

The “culinary manual” is written by Jennifer Clair, the founder of Home Cooking New York, a culinary school based in SoHo. The Institute of Culinary Education (ICE) grad worked in food media



Among the essential cooking techniques: how to make a flavorful pan sauce. PROVIDED

for over a decade (as a food editor at *Saveur* magazine and a cookbook editor at Martha Stewart) before founding HCNY in 2002.

“Six Basic Cooking Techniques,” which marks her return to the written word, is an extension of Home

Cooking New York's most popular class of the same name. In companionship with or in lieu of the class, it can be used as both an instructional manual and an actual cookbook, as each technique is also paired with recipes.

So let's get just a

taste of her techniques to master.

Knife skills

Whether you're chopping vegetables or carving meat, any home cook is lost without the proper technique for wielding a knife. In this section, Clair instructs

readers on knife essentials, including “how to hold it, how to mince, how to dice, how to julienne, how to work with garlic, how to sharpen it.”

Cooking meats

“How do you make a piece of meat that's nice and brown and crusty and delicious, but not overcooked?” According to Clair, the approach is the same, no matter if you're preparing chicken, pork or steak. “A, brown it so you caramelize it on the outside and then B, cook it properly to temperature,” she explains. She's a firm believer in using a thermometer instead of cutting into meat to tell if it's done. “It's imprecise, you lose so much juice and you really can't tell by the color,” she says.

Making flavorful pan sauces

This section shows you how to make a sauce

from the drippings left behind in the pan you just perfectly cooked meat in. You'll learn how to create a reduction by adding liquid (broth, water, or wine) until it thickens, or make a gravy by creating a roux (a mixture of fat and flour).

All about veggies

The final three chapters of the book instruct on how to properly cook every vegetable in the supermarket. Clair takes readers through “blanching,” a quick-cooking method where by you add vegetables to boiling salted water for just a few minutes, “roasting,” by applying hot and dry oven heat, and everything you need to know about how to sauté and season leafy greens.

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What is Airbnb Plus?
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This means that whether it's a chic flat in London or a modern Milan home, the kitchen is stocked with cooking essentials, the décor is on point and all appliances are up to par and working. Plus, customers will also have access to a fast-acting, reliable support team if needed.

Airbnb's chief executive, Brian Chesky, told *The New York Times* that since starting in 2008, "we have evolved, but we think we can go much further and offer something for everyone. Some travelers want predictability and certain comforts, and Airbnb Plus will give them these."

To set the standards for this list of premium homes, Chesky said that Airbnb owners with the highest ratings were asked “what they did to earn those ratings, and [we] discovered that they all had well-stocked homes and delivered a consistent experience to their guests.”

How do I rent my home on Airbnb Plus?

Hosts must apply to have their homes accepted, and Airbnb will send a photographer to inspect.

As a host, you must be rated 4.8 or higher, and your home will be checked for "100-plus things that guests told us they love," which includes unique style and "must-have amenities" like coffee (good call there).

A home can even lose its Airbnb Plus status if it doesn't maintain its quality control and ratings.

“Those who want to get an Airbnb Plus status must maintain the interior and exterior of their properties all the time,” a Vayoo blog post on the service reads. “Every appliance in your home must be working properly, your home must have a high level of security (window and door locks), and you must keep every space from your yard to your bedroom clean and well-organized.”

How do I know if an Airbnb is on Airbnb Plus?
Just look for the “PLUS” badge under the listing.

Where are these Airbnb Plus homes?

This service is debuting with more than 2,000 homes, according to The New York Times, and for now, it's limited to 13 cities such as Toronto, Milan, Shanghai and Los Angeles. However, these numbers will reportedly raise to 75,000-plus in more than 50 cities by the end of this year.

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Brandon Nimmo looks to be forcing his way into the Mets' Opening Day starting lineup. GETTY IMAGES

Nimmo making strong leadoff push

The outfielder's hot start to spring training is making him a favorite for the leadoff spot on Opening Day.



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The last time Brandon Nimmo was gaining headlines this offseason, it was because of the Mets refusal to trade him as a part of a deal for either Andrew McCutchen or Josh Harrison.

Now three weeks into spring training, Nimmo is grabbing attention with his bat thanks to a hot start to spring training. It's made him a favorite for the team's leadoff role come Opening Day.

Had the Mets been fully healthy, his nice start wouldn't have mattered considering the team's outfield was set with Yoenis Cespedes in left, Michael Conforto in center and Jay Bruce in right. But Conforto's continued recovery from a dislocated shoulder has created an opening for the starting center field job, a role Nimmo is running away with considering Juan Lagares has been bothered by hamstring issues.

In his first 18 at-bats of spring, the 24-year-old was batting .389 with a .455 on-base percentage, two home runs and five RBI. He showed off his power on Monday against the Detroit Tigers, taking the first pitch he saw out

over the right-center field wall for a lead-off round-tripper.

While the power is promising, the most important number might be his on-base percentage. Last year, New York was below the major-league average with a .320 mark and among qualifying batters, Conforto and Asdrubal Cabrera were the only Mets to have an on-base mark of over .350.

It left the team without a true leadoff man to set the table for an offense predicated on the long ball. Despite ranking seventh in the majors with 224 home runs, the Mets were 18th with 4.54 runs per game.

With Conforto sidelined until at least May 1, Nimmo will have almost five weeks to prove to the Mets that he should continue receiving regular playing time at the major-league level. Something he's been unable to do in his first two MLB stints. Much of that had to do with the logjam of outfielders within the roster, allowing Nimmo to play only when the injury bug hit.

With a patient approach at the plate, Nimmo could develop into the Mets answer at the top of the order if he continues to impress new manager Mickey Callaway.

"He's a patient hitter. He's always been that," Callaway said via Dan Martin of the New York Post. "But now it looks like he's attacking that pitch when he gets it, too. Pitchers know he's

gonna be patient and if they groove one, now he's gonna attack it. It becomes a dangerous combination."

All this might be taken with a grain of salt considering that it's only spring training. Anyone who has regularly watched baseball has been told at some point in their lives not to take much stock in preseason given the dilution of talent.

But Nimmo has been putting up these numbers against solid pitching. According to Baseball-Reference's quality of opposing pitching's metric, which ranks from 1 to 10 — 1 being rookie ball and 10 being a "full-time major leaguer" — Nimmo has faced a combination of pitchers averaging a marking of 8.0. Only eight players across the majors with as many or more than Nimmo's 22 plate appearances have faced a better quality of pitching this spring training.

Should New York's offense start firing on all cylinders with Nimmo, it would force Callaway to find a way to keep the Wyoming native in the lineup upon Conforto's return.

One way to do that is by giving Jay Bruce days at first base to relieve Adrian Gonzalez, should Dominic Smith start the year in Triple-A. Should Gonzalez struggle on his league-minimum deal, the Mets could move Bruce to first full time and give Nimmo the starting job in right field.



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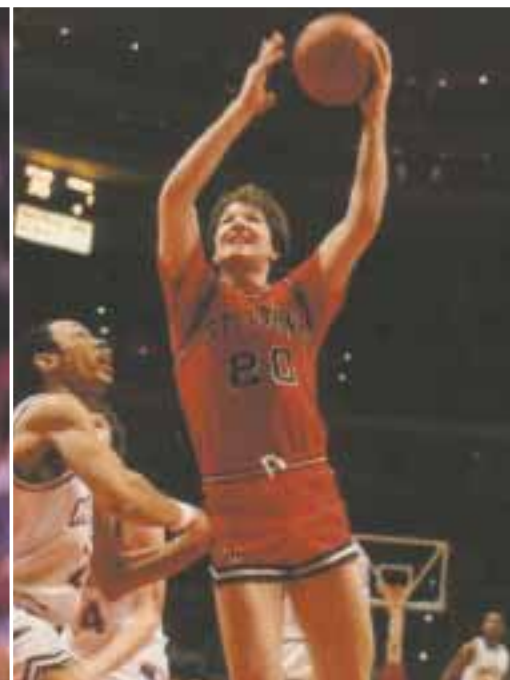
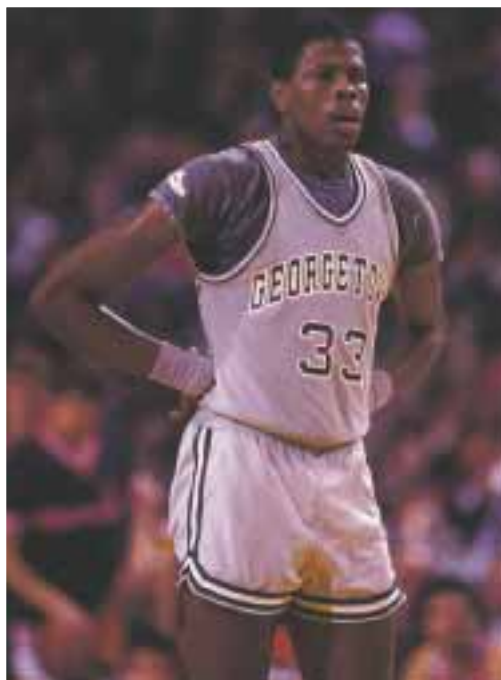
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Patrick Ewing (left) and Chris Mullin (right) face off in the Big East Tournament for the first time since 1985. GETTY IMAGES

Old Big East rivalry gets renewal

Now as coaches, Ewing and Mullin meet in the Big East tourney Wednesday night (7 p.m. ET, FS1).



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The Big East is a shell of what it was during the glory years of the 1980's.

With colorful characters, headlining matchups and national-title contenders every year, one of college basketball's most powerful leagues has been reduced to a fringe power conference.

Villanova's national title two years ago served as a reminder that elite basketball can still be found in the Big East.

This year, the Wildcats and Xavier are the two programs that will be competing for No. 1 seedings at the NCAA Tournament, but one of the most attractive matchups, from a nostalgic New Yorker's point of view, is the first-round meeting between Chris Mullin's St. John's and Patrick Ewing's Georgetown.

Two of the best talents in their respective program's histories, both Mullin and Ewing

are head coaching their alma maters, though neither the Red Storm and Hoyas are any sort of threat for a conference title or NCAA berth.

The two programs went a combined 9-27 in conference play this season as both coaches attempt to rebuild the once-proud programs.

Georgetown hasn't made a Final Four since 2007, its only trip to college basketball's biggest stage since Ewing guided the Hoyas to three appearances in four years, including a national title in 1984.

It's been even worse for St. John's, which hasn't made a Final Four since 1985, Mullin's final year at the Queens school.

During their playing days, Ewing's Georgetown swept Mullin's St. John's at the Big East Tournament and took the 1985 Final Four meeting as well. In fact, Ewing took eight of 12 meetings from Mullin from 1982-1985.

At least for one night though at Madison Square Garden, Big East fans will get to relive one of the conference's most famous rivalries, even if the star players are on the bench.

Here is how the two programs stack up ahead of Wednesday night's clash:



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Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about November 14, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, located at 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NEW YORK, IN COURTROOM #25. On March 23, 2018 at 10:00 am. Premises known as 94-22 110TH STREET, RICHMOND HILL, NY 11419 Block: 09393 Lot: 0016 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$372,631.75 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 707788/2015 Luther V. Dye, Esq., Referee

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS U.S BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff - against - CHRISTOPHER MACKAY, et al Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 18, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Court Room # 25, Jamaica, N.Y. on the 23rd day of March, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the First Ward of the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 50-11 39th Place, Sunnyside, N.Y. 11104. (Block: 209, Lot: 31) Approximate amount of lien \$131,627.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 705192/2014 Gregory M. LaSpina, Esq., Referee Fein Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, New York 14514 (585) 232-7400

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST SERIES 2012-1T, Plaintiff, vs. HORTENSE V. MANBAUMAN A/K/A HORTENSE MANBAUMAN, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on December 22, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, Courtroom #25 on March 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 118-17 197th Street, Saint Albans, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 12622 and Lot 58. Approximate amount of judgment is \$453,234.13 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 702748/14. David S. Dikman, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590 Elmsford, NY 10523 Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.

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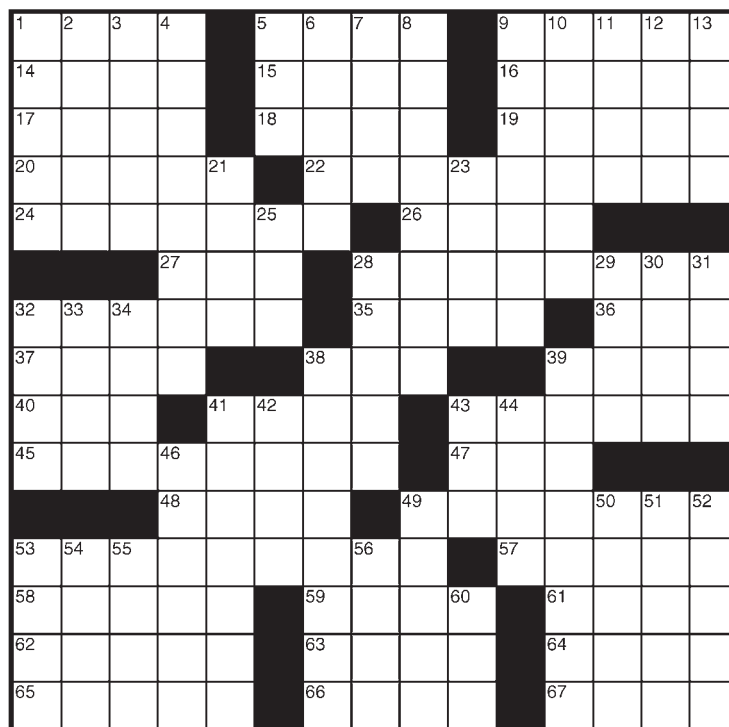
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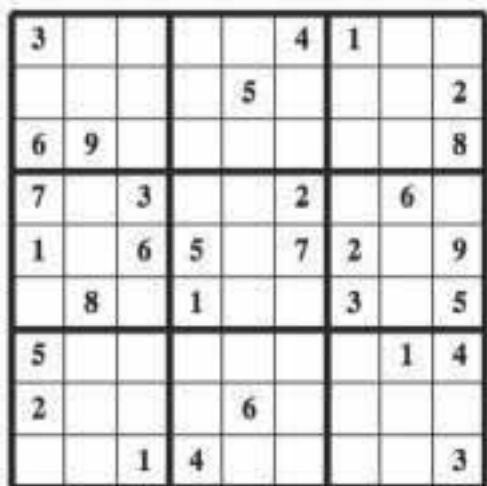
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Taurus Share your feelings with someone you care about. Making plans that will lead to a better understanding of your intentions will benefit you and put your mind at ease.



Gemini Stick to the script and be honest about your concerns. Transparency will make a difference to a situation that concerns you. Play fair, remain calm and avoid chaos.



Cancer Put more creative energy into whatever job you are given. The success you have will lead to new opportunities. Express your ideas to get positive feedback.



Leo Keep an open mind, but don't let someone entice you into indulging in something that's not good for you. Use your intelligence and focus on fitness, diet and good health.



Virgo Make changes to the way you live or alter your surroundings to encourage working on improving your skills and knowledge. The outcome will boost your earning capability.



Libra Learn from experience and avoid making the same mistake twice. Avert domestic problems by keeping your suggestions positive. An upbeat attitude will pay off.



Scorpio Put your best foot forward when it comes to self-improvement. Don't let criticism hold you back or stop you from fulfilling your dreams. Be true to yourself and your beliefs.



Sagittarius Put your energy into following a creative pursuit or something that will help you improve your living arrangements. Question anyone you feel is withholding information.



Capricorn A chance to do something different or to expand your skills at work looks promising. You'll get the response you've been waiting for from someone you admire.



Aquarius Someone being emotionally manipulative will throw you off guard. Back away from anyone displaying coercive or erratic behavior in an attempt to take advantage of you.



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